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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF NITRIDING METAL RING  
APPARATUS THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 6-11, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.